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THE BALL FAMILY OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

WHERE MOSES BALL OF FAIRFAX
LIVED AND DIED.

THE BALL FAMILY OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

A genealogy of some
of the descendants of
MOSES BALL
of Fairfax County

Compiled from Court, Bible
and Church Records and
Gravestone Inscriptions

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Preface

THIS small and unpretentious volume, which we have prepared after much hesitation is the result of a keen disappointment, and is the only apparent means of reaching the desired goal, that of tracing our lineage back to our immigrant ancestor and the English family from which he came. Having failed in our efforts at research to find any record of the parentage of Moses Ball of Fairfax County, it occurred to us that by giving the results of our efforts to all our Ball kinsmen who may be interested, that some of them may be able to add to such data as we have collected, something that may serve to answer the questions "Who were our ancestors and what kind of men were they?" and "what were the motives behind their emigration?", and to preserve for posterity records that may easily be among the most prized possessions of future generations.

It is with much disappointment that we find so many of the memories of traditions given and of stories told us in early childhood, by older generations, survivors of Civil War days who passed on years ago, too dim to be recorded with any degree of accuracy. We do know that descendents of Moses Ball played an important part in the developement of southwest Virginia and the surrounding states of Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. Usually restless men, they were attracted to undeveloped country and a large number of them were true pioneers. To lose sight of the courage and the ideals of those who have contributed so much to the developement of this section, would be an

irreparable loss. Within the memory of the youngest writer stories were common pertaining to feats of Confederate soldiers among the Ball family. Let us appeal to every Ball kinsman who is proud of his family, to preserve all records and all traditions that he is able to gather. Also we request that anyone having valuable records or bits of tradition pertaining to our family, provide us with copies which we will preserve and recopy for anyone who may be interested in gathering such records for posterity.

We wish to express our gratitude to John J. Weatherly of Atlanta, Georgia, for the data furnished, which forms the nucleus of this small volume. We have never known anyone with a keener interest in genealogy solely for the satisfaction of knowing and preserving records.

PALMER R. BALL.

Toms Creek, Virginia,
November 10, 1933.

Moses Ball of Fairfax

AFTER some years of research it is possible to establish the following facts relating to Moses Ball of Fairfax County.

According to "Genealogical Records" by Carrie White Avery, Moses Ball was born May 2nd, 1717, married June 27th, 1745, Ann Brashear and died September 3rd, 1792. From the same records we find that Ann Ball was born September 26th, 1729. The date of her death is unknown. It has been impossible to establish the parentage of Moses, however, according to family tradition he was related to Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. The following extracts from General Washington's diary lends support to this traditon:

"April, 1785.—Friday, 22nd. Took an early breakfast at Abingdon, and accompanied by Dr. Stewart (Stuart?) and Lund Washington, and having sent for Mr. Moses Ball, who attended, I went to a corner of the above land within about three poles of the Run (Four Mile Run), a white oak 18" in diameter on the side of a hill abt. 150 yards below the ruins of an old Mill and about 100 below a small branch which comes in on the north east side. After having run one course and part of another, my servant William (one of the chain carriers) fell and broke the pan of his knee, which put a stop to my surveying; and with much difficulty I was able to get him to Abingdon, being obliged to get a sledge to carry him on, as he could neither walk, stand or ride (horseback). At Mr. Adam's mill (mill of Robert Adams), I took Lund Washington's horse and came home." (to Mount Vernon).

"May, 1786.—Tuesday, 16. I rid to the plantations of Muddy Hole and Dogue Run . . . . . At Dogue Run the timothy seed appeared to be coming up thick. Began to plant corn at this plantation yesterday in the common method. When I returned home found Moses Ball and his son John and William Carlin here; the first having his effects under execution

wanted to borrow money to redeem them: lent him Ten Pounds for this purpose."

Following is a copy of the grant made to Moses Ball by Thomas, Lord Fairfax, on record in "Northern Neck" Grant Book "F", page 288, in State Land Office, Richmond, Virginia:

"The Right Honourable Thomas, Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron, in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, To all to whom this present writing shall come, sends Greeting: Know Ye that for good causes and in consideration of the Composition to me paid and for Annual Rent hereafter reserved, I have Given, Granted and confirmed and by these presents, for me my heirs and assigns, do give, grant and confirm unto MOSES BALL, of the County of Fairfax, a certain tract of waste and ungranted land in the said county, upon the branches of Four Mile Run, and is bounded according to a survey thereof made by Mr. Guy Broadwater, as followeth: Beginning at a white oak standing in the fork of a branch of Four Mile Run, extending thence North 88 degrees West along the line of John Ball, 343 poles to a hickory; thence S. 27 degrees W. 46 poles to a red oak, a corner to Capt. Pearson; thence East, running and binding with John Alexander's line 362 poles to a red oak, thence South along said Alexander's line 70 poles to a white oak corner to Stephen Gray and Alexander; thence North 24 degrees East, binding with Stephen Gray's line 80 poles to a white oak standing upon the South side of Four Mile Run; thence up the meanders of the Run North 63 degrees W. 40 poles to the first station; containing 91 acres. Together with all rights, members, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, Royal Mines excepted, and a full third part of all Lead, Copper, Tin, Coal, Iron Mines and Iron Ore that shall be found thereon. To have and to Hold the said 91 acres of land together with all rights, profits and benefits to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, except before Excepted. To him, the said MOSES BALL, his heirs or assigns forever. He, the said Moses Ball, his heirs and assigns, therefore yielding and paying to me my heirs and assigns, or to my certain attorney or attorneys or agent or agents, or to the certain attorney or agent of my heirs and assigns, Proprietors of the the said Northern Neck, yearly and every year on the Feast day of St. Michael the Archangel, the fee rent of One Shilling sterling money for every 50 acres of land hereby granted and so proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity. Provided that if the said Moses Ball, his heirs or assigns shall not pay the above reserved annual rent, so the same or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by the space of two whole years after the same shall become due, if lawfully demanded, that then it shall and may be lawful for me my heirs or assigns, Proprietors, as aforesaid, my or their certain attorney or attorneys, agent or agents, into the above granted premises to re-enter and hold the same so as if this grant had never passed. Given at my office in the county of Fairfax, within my said Proprietary, under my hand and Seal. Dated this 26th day of May in the 21st year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and

Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc. A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight.

FAIRFAX."

Following is a copy of the last will and testament of Moses Ball:

"In the Name of God, Amen, the fifteenth day of December, in the Year of Our Lord God, One Thousand seven hundred and eighty six, I Moses Ball being in perfect memory, Thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this transitory life and that it is appointed once for all men to die, do make, constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, revoking and disannuling by these presents all and every other Will or Wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or writing and this only is to be taken for my last Will and no other. And first I reccomend my soul into the hands of God in whom and through the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission of all my sins and that my soul with my body at the general day of ressurection shall rise again with joy. Secondly, I reccomend my body to the grave to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, and as for the settling of my temporal Estate and such Goods, Chatties and Debts which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order, give and dispose in manner and form following. That is to say, First, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son, John Ball, twenty-five acres of land, beginning on the South side of Four Mile Run at the White Oak corner of General Washingtons, thence with Washingtons line to Alexanders line and the meanders of Long Branch Westwardly until the quantity of twenty-five acres is made then with a Southerly line from The Long Branch to said line of Alexander. Secondly, I desire that the remaining part of my land may be in possession of my dearly beloved wife, Ann Ball during her natural life to be at her discretion during her widowhood but in case she marries then the said land is to be disposed of at the discretion of my Executors, and the profits arising therefrom to be equally divided among my surviving children after my just debts is paid (my son John excepted) Thirdly, I desire that my Executors as soon as possible pay to his Excellancy, General Washington, the sum of ten pounds with interest, a sum I borrowed from him and William Carlin, security for which to secure Mr. Carlin I have given him an Instrument of Writing mentioning two Cows and Earlings, the only intending the said sum of ten pounds to be made out of the aforesaid cattle incase he (Mr. Carlin) should be obliged to pay to General Washington the above mentioned sum of ten pounds Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Sibila Ball one bed and furniture as it stands at the decease of her mother agreeable to the conditions of the land. Fifthly, I desire that my stock of horses, cattle and hogs and household furniture should be equally divided among my wife and Bazil, Ann and Sibila. Sixthly, and lastly I desire that my son, John Ball and Mr. Joseph Birch be the only and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do by these presents revoke and disannul all and every other Will or Wills, Legacy or Legacies heretofore by me made or done, acknowledging this and no other to be my last Will

and Testament; as Witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

MOSES BALL (Seal)

Signed, Seal'd & Acknowledg'd in the presence of
Elijah Wood
William Culberhouse
Her
Chloe X Culberhouse
Mark

At a Court held for Fairfax county 17th September 1792. This Will was presented in Court and proved by the Oath of Elijah Wood. And at a Court held for the said county 15th October 1792, it was further proved by the Oath of William Culberhouse and ordered to be recorded.

Test

P. Waganer Cr. Ct.

A Copy Teste. Recorded in Will Book F, No. 1, page 176 & Ex.

Signed,
F. W. Richardson
Clerk

That Moses Ball was a brother to Lieutenant James Ball of the Continential Line, American Revolution, is evidenced by the following, found in "Virginia Soldiers of 1776" by Louis A. Burgess:

"LIEUT. JAMES BALL. Executive Dept., Apr. 16. 1833. The heirs of James Ball are allowed Land Bounty for his services as a Lieutenant in the Continental Line for 3 yrs., if not heretofore drawn. (Signed) John Floyd, Governor."

And:

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, "December Court, Mar. 14, 1835. It was ordered to be certified that James Ball, who is said to have been an officer in the Revolutionary War, died about the year 1783; that Moses Ball, of Fairfax County, was his elder brother and heir: that Moses Ball died in 1792, testate, intestate as to the estate of his brother James Ball . . . . . Copy teste, F. W. Richardson, Clerk."

And from the same Court Order we find that Moses and Ann (Brashear) Ball had the following children: John, Moses, George, Bazil, Anne, James and Sabilla.

JOHN BALL.

John Ball was born July 25, 1746; Died Dec. . . , 1814;

was a soldier in the War for Independence, serving with the 6th Virginia Infantry. He married December 12, 1773, Mary . Thrift, who was born September 19, 1750, and died October 10, 1804. They had the following children:

ANNA, born December 31, 1774; married John Shreve, September 7, 1797. She may have been married more than once for in one record she is shown as the wife of Thomas Allison.

ROBERT.

JOHN, died January 27, 1823.

DABNEY.

MARY, married John Allison.

HORATIO, born November 30, 1785; died 1872; married (first) October 15, 1815, Catherine Marscey, born January 14, 1 . . . : died October 7, 1830, in the 30th year of her age; married (second) Elizabeth . . . . . , who, according to entry in his Bible, "departed this life March 9, 1871, in the 70th year of her age."

WILLIAM.

JAMES.

MOSES BALL

(Of whom hereafter.)

GEORGE BALL.

(Of whom hereafter.)

BAZIL BALL.

Bazil Ball, born ca. 1751; died before 1835, when a court order refers to him as "Bazil Ball, deceased, of Alexandria County"; married . . . . . and had five daughters:

MARY, married Tobias Badden:

ANNE, married Richard Mitchell and lived in Hamilton County, Ohio, March 7, 1835, when she appointed William Ball of Fairfax County, Virginia, her attorney on account of Bounty Land Warrant due her by reason of the Revolutionary service of her great-uncle, Lieutenant James Ball. At that time she wrote: "We are all unsettled, as we have sold our land and expect to go to Illinois."

BELINDA, married Nicholas Phebera.

SABILLA, married Charles B. Markward, and they were living in Campbell County, Kentucky, March 9, 1835.

ELIZABETH, died unmarried.

ANNE BALL.

Anne Ball was born ca. 1753; died unmarried.

JAMES BALL.

James Ball, born ca. 1755; date of his death unknown. He married and had:

JEMIMA, married James Thomas and had several children.

TOWNSEND, married and had George, Archibald, and Sina Ball who married James Thrift.

CATHERINE, married William Phillips, and was living in Putnam County, Ohio, March 27, 1835.

HANNA (or Anna), married John Phillips, and probably lived in Ohio near her sister Catherine.

SABILLA BALL.

Sabilla Ball, born ca. 1857; died unmarried.

Moses Ball of Beech Creek

MOSES BALL, JR., born about 1748, was married to Mary Ann Hardin in Fairfax County, Virginia, before the year 1782, when the Personal Property Tax Book for Fairfax County shows that he had one son. His name appears in the Fairfax County tax books for 1791 and this is the last record that is found of him until the year 1797, when he purchased a farm of two hundred acres, near Browns Mountain, in the Beech Creek section of Hawkins County, Tennessee, from Samuel Curry. It is probable that a part of the intervening years were spent in Washington County, Virginia, near his brother George, who settled near Abingdon, Virginia.

His will:

"In the name of God, Amen, I Moses Ball of the county of Hawkins, State of Tennessee, being weak in body but being in perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say: First of all I give and reccomend my soul in the Almighty God that gave it and my body I reccoment to the earth, to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter appointed nothing doubted but at the General Ressurection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life. First of all I give and bequeath to my son, Spencer Ball one dollar out of my estate and no more. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son Robert Ball one dollar and no more out of my estate. Thirdly, I give and devise to my son Bennett Ball a certain parcel of land lying and being betwen my sons William Ball and Thomas Ball and from the Southern boundry of my land and running Northward to where the Beech Creek road runs through my land and no further. And it is my further Will and desire that if my wife Molly shall have the rent of the said land that I have divised to my son, Bennett Ball during her

natural life for her support. Fourthly, I give and devise to my grandson, Jonathan Ball, a certain described parcel of land being on the North side of the Beech Creek road and being betwen the said William Ball and the said Thomas Ball land and including my apple orchard and running to the Northern Boundry of my land. And it is further my Will and Desire that my Executors after my decease shall rent said parcel of land and orchard and the money or property arising from said rent to pay for the education of my Grandson, Jonathan Ball. And it is my further will and desire that my said Grandson, Jonathan Ball, shall have a horse, saddle and bridle out of my estate. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Molly Ball all the residue of my personal estate and money that is owing to me during her natural life. Sixthly, it is my further will and desire after my wife's decease the property, if any, is to be sold, except my wearing clothes and the plank that is in my loft and my books, the planks to remain where they are, my wearing clothes and my books to be divided as equally betwen my children as they can. And the money arising from the said sale to be equally divided betwen my daughter, Hester McDaniel, Nancy Warren, Polly Ball, Sibily Long and Sarah Long's children and my grandson, Jonathan Ball or their heirs. There was thirty-two dollars that I paid for William McDaniel in part pay for McDaniel's wagon, sixteen dollars of said William McDaniel was to pay John K. Long who married with my daughter Sibley. If John K. Long has recovered that, that and they are to settle with my Executor. I constitute and appoint my son, Wesley Ball and Thomas Ball my Executors of this my last Will and Testament to manage my estate, Real and personal as they think best. I hereby utterly revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills and Legacies before mentioned Willed, bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

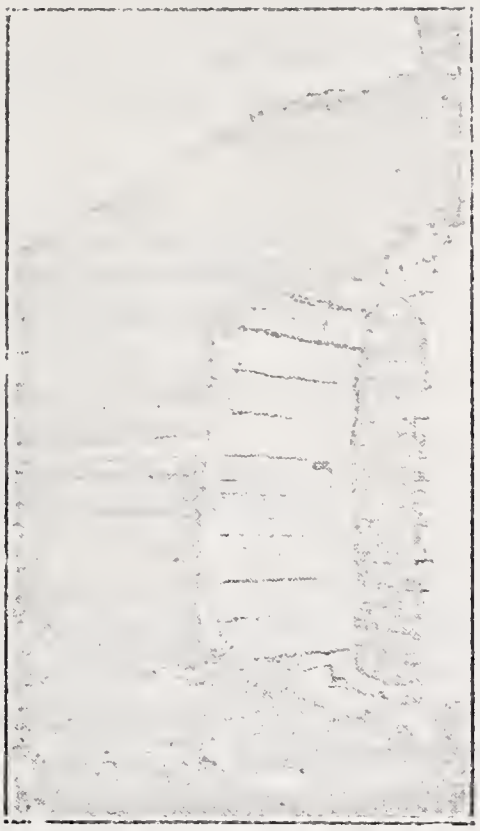
MOSES BALL (Seal)

Attest.

Reuben Bernard	John Ball
Jesse Ball	James Tunnell

The children of Moses and Mary Ann (Harden) Ball were: William, married Nancy Tate; Robert; John, married Patience Dalton; Wesley, married Nancy Bailey; Thomas, married . . . . . Kelly; Bennett; Spencer, married Anne Hughes; Jane, married Rev. James Tunnell; Mary (Polly), married (first) Isaac Warren, (second) her cousin, John Ball; Sarah (Sally), married John Long, Jr.; Sabilla, married John K. Long; and Hester, married William McDaniel.

Thomas Ball, Sr., son of Moses Ball, Jr., was born at



HOUSE IN HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BUILT BY A SON OF MOSES BALL, JR.

SPENCER BALL HOMESTEAD, in Madison County, Alabama, built of hand hewn timbers.

Van Hill, Tennessee. He married a Kelly, whose Christian name is unknown, but may have been Eliza. Their children were:

ISAAC, married thrice.
JONATHAN K., of whom hereafter.
SOOKY, married Alfred Williams.
MARY ANN, married Madison Thomas.
WESLEY.
THOMAS, married Nancy Price (nee Hall).
JESSE, died unmarried.
WILLIAM, married Hannah Marion.
REBECCA, married Martin Quillen.

Jonathan K. Ball, son of Thomas Ball, Sr., was born May 2, 1824. He married (first) March 7, 1854, Eliza Rollins. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, but was ordered to return home before the close of the war on account of poor health. He lived some years after the war, having died in 1877, when his youngest son, George William, was only eleven months old.

The children of Jonathan K. and Eliza (Rollins) Ball:

JOHN S., born December 18, 1854; died December 16, 1875. It is supposed that he died unmarred.
RACHEL, born January 5, 1857; died January 11, 1931.
JAMES A., born November 19, 1859; died November 8, 1899.
JESSE R., (twin), born November 19, 1859; died October 19, 1869.

Eliza (Rollins) Ball died December 7, 1859.

Jonathan K. Ball married (second) July 19, 1861, Elvira Lockhart, and they had six children:

ELLEN, born July 26, 1862; died April 9, 1886.
ELIZA A., born October 20, 1864; died February 5, 1888, unmarried.
CHARITY, born May 22, 1867; died July 10, 1891, unmarried.
CHARLES DANIEL, born October 29, 1869.
RHODA, born February 8, 1872; died October 26, 1886.
GEORGE WILLIAM, born October 15, 1876.

Rachel (Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball married March 26, 1882, James Baxter. They settled in Oklahoma

(or Indian Territory) before it was a state. Rachel died there in 1931. Their children in order of birth:

OLLIE, married a Poindexter.
JOHN.
MYRTLE, married a Porter.
JAMES, JR.
GEORGE.
ROY.
CELUS.

James A. (Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball was married to Minerva Orlena Bryant, March 8, 1885, in Lee County, Virginia. Their children:

HUGH LEE, born June 2, 1886; married Chassie Jones and has one child living.

AMNISE RHODA, born May 28, 1888; married James E. Gilbert. They have seven children.

HATTEN, born March 27, 1896; married Ruth Vivian Brown and they have one child.

JAMIE ELVIRA, born April 18, 1900; married Clint Quick. They have one child living.

Ellen (Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball married in Lee County, Virginia, January 8, 1882, to William J. Thomas. They had one child.

MILLARD, died in 1932, survived by his wife and several children.

Charles Daniel (Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball married in Lee County, Virginia, December 8, 1895, Amnise Sparks. He is a prominent mason. Their children:

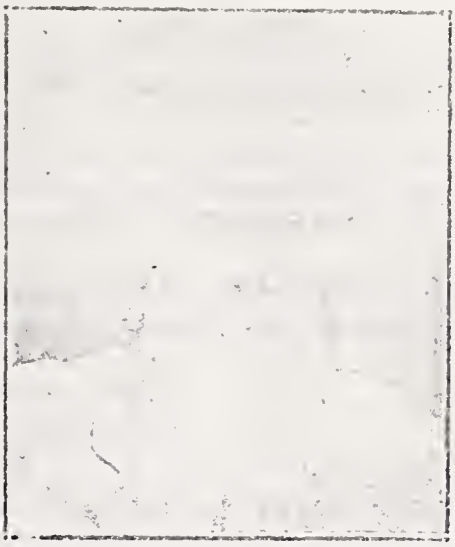
GARNETT RICHARD, born April 14, 1897.

BERTHA OLA, born January 19, 1899; attended Lee Baptist Institute and Radford State Teachers' College; a successful teacher.

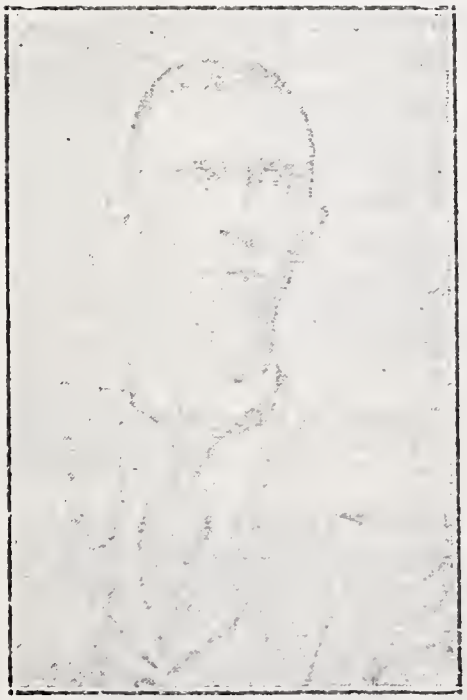
CHARITY WAIVE, born June 9, 1901; attended Lee Baptist Institute and Radford State Teachers' College; a successful teacher.

JAMES CURRY, born April 19, 1903.

CHARLES DAVID, born April 25, 1905; married November 23, 1926, Lucille Spivy of North Carolina. He attended Lee Baptist Institute and Emory and Henry College. Both he and Mrs. Ball



THOMAS BALL, JR., GRANDSON OF MOSES BALL OF BEECH CREEK.



Charles Daniel Ball

are teachers.

J. KELLY, born February 20, 1907; attended Bluefield College. He is also a teacher.

OMAR FRENCH, born January 12, 1910; attended high school in Lee County, Virginia, and Emory and Henry College, and is employed in the High School Department, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, as a teacher.

STELLA RUTH, born December 8, 1912; completed Jonesville High School at Jonesville, Virginia, and attended Virginia Intermont College, and is a teacher.

ROBERT NEAL, born December 16, 1915.

CLIFFORD EUGENE, born July 14, 1918.

George William (Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball married in Lee County, Virginia, December 7, 1899, Dorothy Anna Ellison (born March 13, 1880). Mr. Ball is a farmer. He and his wife have lived all their lives in Lee County, with the exception of two years spent in Texas.

Below is one of the many poems composed by Dorothy Ellison Ball, who also had a Ball ancestor:

THE DEWDROP

I saw a pearly dewdrop
  Upon a lily fair,
I thought to grasp and wear it
  In my shining hair.

A friendly breeze did waken
  Ere I could put it on,
The Lily fair to shaken—
  My pearly drop was gone.

So it is with pleasures
  We count so rich and rare;
We'd store them with our treasures,
  And lo, they are not there.

The children of George William and Dorothy Anna (Ellison) Ball:

PALMER RAY, born November 16, 1900.

INIE OPAL, born July 23, 1903.

GLEN DONALD, born November 8, 1908; attended high school at Jonesville, Virginia, had a brief business course at Pennington Gap, Virginia; employed by Broadwater Feed Company as salesman and bookkeeper.

ROY HAMPTON, born March 19, 1911; a graduate of Jonesville

High School, and is employed by Pennington Hardware and Furniture Company, Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

RUBY CLAIRE, born August 25, 1914; a graduate of Jonesville High School.

GEORGIANA, born February 14, 1917; a junior at Jonesville High School.

Garnett Richard (Charles Daniel, Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball married December 25, 1921, Ruby P. Barton. He is a graduate of Lee Baptist Institute; is a farmer and lives in Lee County, Virginia. Their children are:

ELEANOR RUTH, born April 25, 1923.
LEON MAURICE, born June 22, 1925.
RALPH DONOVAN, born March 21, 1928.

James Curry (Charles Daniel, Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball married July 10, 1924, Mattie Smith. He lives in Lee County, Virginia, and is enployed by the state highway department. They have one child:

LENORA JUANITA, born May 30, 1925.

Palmer Ray (George William, Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball was married to Bonnie May Sage (who was born December 17, 1901), November 12, 1926, at Pennington Gap, Virginia. The former graduated from Lee Baptist Institute in 1923, and has since been employed by various coal companies, having been an employee of Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company in store and office departments since his marriage. The latter attended schools of Lee County and Radford State Teachers' College, and taught for a period of eight yearr in the public schools of Virginia.

Their children:

MAURICE PALMER, born September 2, 1928; died May 21, 1929.
DOROTHY SAGE, born October 28, 1930.
GEORGE LILBURN, born February 26, 1933.

Inie Opal (George William, Jonathan K., Thomas, Moses, Moses) Ball married at Pineville, Kentucky, November 22,

George William Ball

Palmer Ray Ball

1930, Albert Crockett Harris. They live near Jonesville, Virginia. Mr. Harris is a World War veteran, a farmer, and business man. Mrs. Harris is an energetic young woman, and a stenographer. They have two children:

ALBERT CROCKETT, JR., born August 13, 1951.
RUTH LENORE, born January 1, 1953.

Isaac Ball, son of Thomas Ball, Sr., was married three times, but the names of his wives are forgotten. He had two daughters, Jane who married a Oliver, and the younger who married Jasper Robbins. A granddaughter, Virgie Robbins, married Raymond Kelley of Lee County, Virginia.

Isaac Ball was a farmer and settled at Robbins Chapel in Lee County. He is thought to have been a soldier of the Confederacy.

Thomas Ball, Jr., son of Thomas Ball, Sr., was born and spent all his life in Lee County, Virginia. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army. Immediately after the Civil War he was wagon master on the route between Salt Lake City and Mexico.

Thomas Ball, Jr., married Nancy Price and their children were:

LAURA, born January 3, 1861; married Ollie Freeman.
GEORGIA, born June 23, 1880; unmarried.
AUBURN, married Annie Norris.
CALLIE, married John Rutherford.
ALPHA, married James Collingsworth.
MARGARET, married, after the death of her sister Alpha, James Collingsworth.
LAWRENCE, married Rose Allen.

William Ball, son of Thomas Ball, Sr., was a Confederate soldier. He married Hannah Marion and had the following children and probably others:

JOHN, married Aggie Collins.
BUD (real name unknown), married Mary E. Daugherty.
EMMET, married Member McCracken.

RACHEL, married James Price.
SARAH, married Joe Thomas.
MARGARET, married James Lundy.
MOLLIE, married Dock Price.
MATTIE, married Frantz Bruner.
SUSAN, married John Zeeks.

Spencer Ball, son of Moses Ball of Beech Creek, was born September 28, 1773, and died near Munford, Alabama, in 1856. He married Anne (born April 30, 1785), daughter of Leander and Martha (Clemens) Hughs.

Children of Spencer and Anne (Hughs) Ball:

MARTHA, married Martin Weatherly.
LUCINDA, married a Arthur.
MATILDA, married a Hoggard
MARY ANNE, died young.
BENNETT, died unmarried.
JOHN, died unmarried.
WILLIAM, died unmarried.

Martin Weatherly, who married Martha Ball, was born in Spottsylvania County, Virginia, December 25, 1793, and died at Munford, Alabama, January 14, 1857. He and Martha Ball were married in Madison County, Alabama, January 15. 1828. Martha Ball was born in Madison County, Alabama, March 11, 1808, and died at Munford, Alabama, August 4, 1893.

Children of Martin and Martha (Ball) Weatherly were:

MARY ANN, born July 16, 1829; died December 3, 1910; married August 30, 1843, N. A. Cowser.

SARAH ELIZABETH, born December 16, 1830; died June 26, 1902; married November 14, 1850, John A. Stewart.

JOHN JAMES, born February 11, 1833; died December 2, 1898.

CALEDONIA, born April 3, 1836; died unmarried June 22, 1916.

WILLIAM WALLACE, born August 13, 1838; died at Seymour, Texas, October 15, 1900; married October 30, 1859, Clemmie Chaney.

HENRY HARRISON, born November 6, 1840; died May 28, 1865. Fatally wounded in battle near Augusta, Georgia, while serving in Wheeler's Cavalry. Buried in Confederate Cemetery, Augusta,

Georgia.

MARTHA SELENA, born March 1, 1842; died at Birmingham, Alabama, April 9, 1926; married June 23, 1869, Robert T. Conley.

CAROLINE EMMA, born September 20, 1845; died March 15, 1926; married January 30, 1886, Benton Jones.

MARGARET ELLEN, born January 11, 1848; died unmarried January 16, 1929.

JARED GROCE, born September 9, 1850; married January 3, 1878, Ida Morrison; present address 2220 Twenty-Second Avenue, Ensley, Alabama.

ALVIS MARTIN, born November 5, 1852; died July 30, 1910; married November 24, 1881, Hattie Morrison.

John James Weatherly married (first) January 6, 1861, Mrs. Margaret Howell, who was born in 1831, and died September 2, 1879. Their children:

MARY ALICE, born September 13, 1862; died September 11, 1866.

WILLIAM HENRY, born April 22, 1864; married Alice Stone; residence 1200 Leighton Avenue, Anniston, Alabama.

ALONZO MARTIN, born February 6, 1869; present address 1376 Memorial Drive, Atlanta, Georgia.

John James Weatherly married (second) April 13, 1880, Sarah Margaret English, who was born June 16, 1846, and died November 3, 1902.

Children of John James and Sarah Margaret (English) Weatherly:

JESSIE EMMA, born December 1, 1881; died January 28, 1884.

CLIFFORD ALEXANDER, born April 15, 1884; died October 20, 1884.

JOHN JAMES, born September 18, 1887; present address Box 1376, Atlanta, Georgia; permanent address, 1200 Leighton Avenue, Anniston, Alabama.

The following is copied from the General Land Office Records in Richmond, Virginia:

To William Selden, Esq.: "Please deliver to Gen. William Lambert, the Land Warrants due to those heirs of Moses Ball, late of Tennessee, and George Ball, late of Virginia, and should you think proper to issue the warrants to all the heirs of Moses and George, I will hold myself accountable as attorney. Signed. William Ball."

FAIRFAX COUNTY COURT, August 17, 1835. It appears satisfactory to the Court that Moses Ball, of Hawkins County, Tennessee, was the son of Moses Ball of Fairfax County, Va. That he was the elder brother and heir-at-law of Lieut. James Ball, an officer in the Revolutionary War. That Moses Ball, Jr., died about the year 1831, leaving a will, but intestate as to the estate of his father and uncle aforesaid.

James Trimmell, who married Jane Ball, daughter of Moses Ball, William, John, Wesley, Thomas Ball and John Long (who md. Sarah Ball, daughter of Moses Ball), all of Hawkins Co., Tenn., appointed William Ball, their attorney Feb. 6, 1835.

Hawkins Co., Tenn.; Certified that John Long was appointed guardian of Thomas A., George M., Moses and Spencer Long, minor children of Sarah (Ball) Long; also that John Ball is an active J. of P. Signed W. O. Winston, clk. Attest R. W. Kinkead, Chairman of Hawkins Ct. Wts. 256-262 were iss. 10 Oct. 1836, in exchange for S321 and S325.

Moses Ball of Beech Creek has numerous descendants living in Tennessee and Virginia. Among these is Reverend Albert S. Hale, a well known Baptist minister of Salem, Virginia, and a native of Hawkins County, Tennessee.

ISAIAH DRAKE BALL (1841---1921)

Nancy Graves (Ball) Surface

George Ball, Sr., Son of Moses Ball, Sr., of Fairfax County, Virginia

By

Nancy Graves Ball Surface

BALL is a name of Saxon derivation, from BAL meaning bold, also quick, swift. The first upon whom the name was bestowed was doubtless swift, or bold, to do and dare.

As if in reference to the name, the coat of arms granted various branches of the Ball family, have much that is bold about them. Usually a lion rampant, or a crest that denotes strength and courage.

A call was sent out recently to Balls, North, East, West, South to meet and "recount sober, honest doings of our ancestors, their piety and loyalty, their services to Church and State."

Perhaps the Chinese overdo reverence for ancestors, but Americans are surely at fault for indifference to past and to parentage. Let our forefathers be neither unhonored nor unsung.

George Ball, Sr., and his brother Moses Ball, Jr., were sons of Moses Ball, Sr., of Fairfax County, Va., as has been clearly proven in foregoing chapters of this booklet.

The family records of these two men show that they, with their large number of sons and daughters played no small part as pioneer settlers of Southwest Virginia and Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee.

It is believed these two brothers, accompanied perhaps by other brothers and friends from Fairfax Co., Va., halted first near Abingdon in Washington Co., Va. It is known that Moses Ball, Jr., moved on to Hawkins Co., Tenn., where he settled with his family and many of his descendants are still counted with the best citizens of Hawkins, Harlan, Russell, Lee and other counties of the three adjoining states, Va., Ky. and Tenn.

A correct list of the heirs of Moses Ball, Jr., may be found in a paragraph from the following court record.

"It appears satisfactory to the court that Moses Ball of Hawkins Co., Tenn., was the son of Moses Ball of Fairfax Co., Va., who was the elder brother and heir at law of James Ball, an officer in the Revolutionary War. That Moses Ball, Jr., died about the year 1831, leaving a will, but intestate as to the estate of his father and uncle aforesaid. That he left the following heirs: 1, Spencer; 2, Jane (who married James Tunnell); 3, William; 4, Robert; 5, John; 6, Wesley; 7, Thomas; 8, Sarah (who married John Long, Sr.); 9, Sibby (who married John Long, Jr.); 10, Hester (who married William McDaniel); 11, Nancy (who married Isaac Warren); 12, Bennett; 13, Polly (who married John Ball, son of George Ball). Therefore the court certifies that the afore-mentioned are heirs at law of the late Moses Ball (Sr.) of Fairfax County who was elder brother of said Lieut. James Ball."

It would be most interesting to follow the lives of each of these thirteen sons and daughters, but the remainder of this history has most to do with Polly, who married her cousin John Ball, son of George.

George Ball moved from near Abingdon in Washington Co., to New Garden in Russell Co. He married Elizabeth Tunnell and to them were born twelve sons and daughters, as is also given in a court record:

Fairfax Co. Court, 19th March, 1839. Certified that George Ball, late of Russell Co., Va., died intestate leaving the following children: 1, Moses III; 2, William; 3, Sally; 4, Robert (md. Sarah Wilson); 5, James; 6, Elizabeth; 7, Wesley; 8, George, Jr. (married Catherine Hess); 9, Jesse (md. . . . . Witt); 10, John (married Polly Ball, daughter of Moses Ball, Jr.); 11, Hester (md. Jesse Fuller); 12, Nancy (md. Daniel May). "That these are the only heirs at law of George Ball deceased who was a son of Moses Ball Sr. dec'd.

Copy teste: Wm. Moss, Clerk.

Fairfax County Court.

MOSES BALL

Moses Ball, son of George, and from whom is descended most of the Balls so prominent in Lee Co., Va., and Harlan Co., Ky., was born about 1763 and died in 1840. He married Elizabeth Yeary and had twelve children: James, Moses, William, Thomas, Spencer, George Washington, Elizabeth, Kessiah, Lucy Ann, Matilda, Sally and Nancy.

MOSES BALL, son of Moses and Elizabeth Yeary Ball was born April 20, 1797, and died Sept. 26, 1885. He married Ella Richardson and had: 1 A. J., 2 George Washington, 3 Enoch, 4 John, 5 J. G., 6 William, 7 Ivan, 8 Sally, 9 Elizabeth, 10 Narcisus, 11 Mary Jane, 12 Lucy Ann.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BALL, son of Moses and Ella Richardson Ball, was born June 7, 1820, and died Dec. 28, 1895. He married Frances Sergent (born Nov. 9, 1824; died Nov. 29, 1893), and had: 1 Albert, born Dec. 7, 1847, 2 Speed, born Dec. 16, 1859, 3 George W., born March 13, 1866, 4 Robert Lee, born May 6, 1868, 5 Jane, 6 Sally, 7 Emily, 8 Mary, 9 Fanny, 10 Ella, 11 Louisa.

ROBERT LEE BALL, son of George Washington and Frances Sergent Ball, resides at Harlan, Ky. He married Margaret Carter (born Aug. 6, 1876), and they have the following children: 1 Millard D., born Oct. 21, 1895, 2 Robert P., born July 14, 1902, 3 Lawrence C., born April 16, 1904, 4 Minnie, 5 Myrtle, 6 Addie.

ROBERT P. BALL, son of Robert Lee and Margaret Carter Ball, married Grace Baggerly, Aug. 13, 1927. They have two children: 1 Robert P., born Nov. 12, 1928, 2 Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1932.

JOHN BALL

John Ball, son of George Ball, Sr., of Russell Co., Va., was born June 10, 1779.

He married Polly Ball, daughter of Moses Ball, Jr., of Hawkins Co., Tenn.

Polly Ball was born May 4, 1788.

To them were born the following children: 1 James; 2 John Tunnell; 3 Nancy (md. Wesley Crabtree); 4 Polly (married William Fletcher); 5 Rebecca (married . . . . . Tunnell); 6 Eliza (married Allen Maynard); 7 George Washington; 8 Moses; 9 William Lee.

John Tunnell Ball was born Sept. 9, 1812. He married

Margaret Honaker who was born Jan. 13, 1817. Their children were: 1 Serelda Jane, 2 Maria, 3 Martin Van Buren, 4 Cosby Catherine, 5 John Wesley (married Nancy Fuller), 6 William Lee (married LouisaJ. Kennedy), 7 Patten George (married Sidney Thompson), 8 Jasper Newton (married 1st. Jane Smith, 2nd. Nan Davis) 9 Elihu Kiser (md. Minta Ellen Kirtland), 10 Louisa H. (married Lilburn Hurt), 11 Fuller Jesse, 12 Cynthia (married James H. Logsdon), 13 Drucilla.

SERELDA JANE BALL, daughter of John Tunnell and Margaret Ball was born May 6, 1837. She married Johnson Owens, who was born June 20, 1819. To them were born the following children: 1 Margaret Jane, 2 Beverly J., 3 Loranzo D., M. D., 4 Balford, 5 Cordelia (married Frank Ball), 6 Sidney A., 7 Silvester, M. D., 8 Edward L., 9 Elbert.

Moses Ball, son of John and Polly Ball was born July 26, 1817. He married Mary Ann Smith, who was born Dec. 7, 1829. They spent their lives in New Garden, Russell Co., Va., the place first settled by George Ball, Sr., and John and Polly Ball. There was, and still is, quite a settlement of the Ball family in and around the villiage now called Gardner. Two family burial grounds are still to be seen on the farms of Major Fletcher Ball, and Aut Dye, where the earlier settlers of the Ball family are buried. The tombs of John and Polly Ball are still intact and their graves are well kept, by members of the family in that vicinity. These tombs are found in the cemetery on the farm of Major Fletcher Ball, their grandson, who is still living. On these tombs may still be clearly seen these inscriptions:

JOHN BALL
BORN JUNE 10, 1779
DIED JULY 27, 1863
AGE 84 YRS. 1 MO. 17 DAYS
"Afflictions for years he bore
Physicians were in vain;
At last God pleased to give him ease,
And freed him from his pain."

GEORGE WASHINGTON BALL
(1820---1895), AND HIS WIFE
FRANCES (SERGENT) BALL,
(1824---1893).

POLLY BALL
BORN MAY 4, 1788
DIED FEBY. 11, 1856
AGE 57 YRS. 9 MOS. 17 DAYS
"The death I'd die would be the death,
Which all the righteous die:
Blest be the Lord, their labors o'er
They rest with Him on high."

In this same cemetery are found the graves of several of their children and ther grandchildren.

Moses Ball, their son, died May 29, 1888, and Mary Ann Ball his wife died February 20, 1908. Their graves are close by those of John and Polly Ball.

The children of Moses and Mary Ann Ball are: 1 John L. (died in youth), 2 Robert S. (married Helen J. Griffin), 3 Beverly F. (married Jane Smith), 4 Virginia (married William Caire), 5 Maria (married Thomas J. Smith), 6 Isabelle S. (md. C. Hurt), 7 Louisa (died in young womanhood), 8 Silvester A. (died young), 9 Nannie B. (married John Wallace).

(5) MARIA BALL married Thomas J. Smith, son of Col. Ed Smith, a veteran of the Civil War, and also one of the pioneer families of Russell Co. To Thomas and Maria Ball Smith were born the following children: 1 Carrie, 2 Agnes (married Edward Dye), 3 Conley (married Effie Duncan), 4 Lawrence (married Fayne Hughes).

(1) CARRIE SMITH married Bert E. Ball, son of A. C. Ball of Honaker, Va., on May 9, 1916. Their children are: 1 Esther Louisa, born April 1, 1917, 2 Helen Marjorie, born Oct. 26, 1918, 3 Harry Thomas, born May 18, 1921.

William Lee Ball, son of John and Polly Ball was born Dec. 20, 1820, died Aug. 16, 1901. His wife Sidney Jane Fletcher was born Nov. 22, 1822 and died Feby. 27, 1863, They were married January 14, 1847. Their children:

POLLY ANGELINE and CELIA EMMALINE (twins), were born Dec. 27, 1847.

CHARLES C., born Nov. 23, 1849.

MELISSA ELLEN, born Nov. 22, 1851.

MAJOR F., born Sept. 27, 1854.

JAMES FRANKLIN, born July 23, 1857.

ISAIAH MONTEVILLE, born March 29, 1860.

Polly Angeline Ball, married Robert Boyd, Jan. 22, 1866.
Celia Emmaline Ball, married Lilburn Ball, June 24, 1869.
Charles C. Ball, married Maria Dye, Sept. 14 1876.
Major Fletcher Ball, married Ella Houser.
James Franklin Ball, married Alta E. Kendrick, Oct. 4, 1882.
Isaiah Monteville, married Josephine Taylor.

MELLISSA ELLEN BALL, daughter of Wm. Lee and Sidney Jane Ball was married Jan. 2, 1872 to Henry D. Lockhart. To them were born: 1 Charles William, 2 Thomas, 3 Susie May, 4 Tyler, 2 George Bartley, 6 Major, 7 Pansy, 8 Celise, 9 John. The four last named died in infancy or before reaching maturity. Thomas died in early youth.

SUSIE MAY LOCKHART, married Roy Davis son of Henry Davis, another prominent pioneer family of Russell Co., and it is to their attractive and accomplished daughter Mae Lois, that I am indebted for many of the dates and facts contained in this chapter. It is unusual to find one so young and busy, giving so much time and thought to family history. She has a large and interesting collection on every branch of her family, Ball, Lockhart, Davis, Kendrick, Humphrey and others of the First Families of Southwest Virginia. It gives me pleasure to acknowledge her aid and encouragement in compiling these pages.

J. FRANK BALL, (son of William Lee and Sidney Jane Ball) and Alta E. Kendrick were married October 4, 1882.

EARL BALL, their son was born Sept. 23, 1883.

J. FRANK BALL died of typhoid fever in the autumn of 1890, his young wife following him to the grave in a few short months.

EARL BALL, (son of J. Frank and Alta E. BALL) and Eula Lee Kendrick were married Dec. 20, 1920.

DOROTHY VIRGINIA BALL, their daughter was born Dec. 1, 1923.

George Washington Ball, son of John and Polly Ball was born in 1819. He married Nancy Taylor daughter of Samuel and Nancy Vermillion Taylor. Samuel Taylor's family settled in Elk Garden, an adjoining district to New Garden, in Russell Co., Va., where the Ball family lived.

The following children were born to George Washington and Nancy Taylor Ball. 1 Margaret, born Jan. 20, 1838 (md. John W. Wyatt) 2 Isaiah Drake Ball, born Oct. 17, 1841. 3 Martha, born 1843, (married John Dills). 4 Lilburn, born July 25, 1845. 5 Eliza, born in 1847 (married Jesse Mutter), 6 George Washington, born 1849, died in early

young manhood.

The only remaining member of this family is Lilburn Ball, who is 88 years old. He has always enjoyed remarkable health until a few months ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, but is still cheerful and optimistic as he sits in his wheel chair and enjoys his family and friends. He lives in Honaker, Va., Route 1, Box 4.

LILBURN BALL, and Celia Emmaline Ball, daughter of William Lee Ball were married June 24, 1859. Their children are: 1 Laura A., born Oct. 4, 1870, (md. Robt. Boyd). 2 Henry E., born June 30, 1872, (died young.) 3 Alta J., born Nov. 5, 1873 (married twice). 4 Thomas F., born Apr. 25, 1877, (married twice). 5 Eunice F., born Aug. 5, 1883, (md. Joseph Wyatt). 6 Alden M., born May 21, 1889, (died in infancy). Celia Emmaline Ball, the wife and mother died June 17, 1924, and is buried in the cemetery with John, Polly, William Lee, Moses, and a host of departed loved ones.

REBECCA ANNE LOCKHART, daughter of William Mitchell Lockhart and Sallie Stinson Lockhart was born October 30, 1845.

Isaiah Drake Ball and Rebecca Anne Lockhart were married November 4, 1862. To them were born twelve children: 1 Ida Jane, born Jan. 4, 1864. 2 Eunice Catherine, born Sept. 11, 1865. 3 Thomas Asa, born April 28, 1867. 4. Sarah Ella, born May 17, 1868. 5 Nancy Graves, born Feby. 20, 1871. 6 John Kendrick, born Mar. 15, 1873. 7 William Lockhart, born May 5, 1873. 8 Charles Aston, born May 21, 1877. 9 Henry Hutton born May 15, 1879. 10 Elisabeth Easterly born Mar. 27, 1882. 11 Fitzhugh Lee, born Dec. 11, 1885. 12 Harold Isaiah Drake, born Sept. 7, 1888.

Harold, the seventh son in this family is the only bachelor. He lives now at Ocala, Florida, 308 Prof. Bldg.

MARRIAGES

NANCY GRAVES BALL and William Nicholas Surface were married June 20, 1894.

Henry Winston Surface, their son, was born Sept. 3, 1897.

JOHN KENDRICK BALL and Reba Williams Peery were married Feby. 27, 1895.

Clarence Strouse Ball, their son, was born Nov. 27, 1896.

CHARLES ASTON BALL and Clare Stewart were married April 10, 1901. Their children: Charles Aston, born Jan. 16, 1902, died in infancy. Russell Penn, born May 2, 1903. Rebecca Jane, born Jan. 12, 1908.

HENRY HUTTON BALL and Eva Lee Boling were married Nov. 16, 1904. Their children: Infant son, born Dec. 15, 1906, died in infancy. Infant son, born Dec. 26, 1907, died in infancy. Mary Lee, born Feby. 23, 1909. Helen Lockhart, born June 17, 1913. Virginia Gordon, born April 7, 1917.

ELISABETH EASTERLY BALL and Dr. Benjamin Washington Bird were married Nov. 15, 1905. Their children: Benjamin Washington, born Oct. 28, 1906. Evelyn Ball, born Apr. 15, 1909. Elsabeth Anne, born Aug. 6, 1911. Nansie Graves, born Sept. 1, 1918. Virginia Rose, born Dec. 31, 1919

REV. WILLIAM LOCKHART BALL, D. D. and Marion Swann Terrell were married Dec. 20, 1911. Their children: Marion Terrell, born March 4, 1913. William Lockhart, born June 14, 1914.

FITZHUGH LEE BALL married first, Minnie Gentry, Dec. 5, 1917, This was during the World War, and Fitzhugh Lee was stationed at Langley Fields, Hampton, Va. He and his lovely bride were both caught in the terrible epidemic of influenza from which Minnie died Oct. 8, 1918.

FITZHUGH LEE BALL married the second time, Sadie McKinnon, of Maxton, N. C. on June 18, 1919. Their children: Infant son, born Aug. 3, 1920, died in infancy. Grace McKinnon, born June 15, 1924.

Rev. William Lockhart Ball, D. D.,
Pastor, Earle St. Baptist Church,
Greenville, South Carolina.

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IN MEMORY OF
IDA JANE BALL
BORN JANUARY 4, 1864
DIED DECEMBER 3, 1864.

EUNICE CATHERINE BALL
BORN SEPT. 11, 1865
DIED APRIL 15, 1866.

THOMAS ASA BALL
BORN APRIL 28, 1867
DIED SEPTEMBER 30, 1873.

SARAH ELLA BALL
BORN MAY 17, 1869
DIED OCT. 6, 1873.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR MOTHER
REBECCA LOCKHART BALL
BORN OCTOBER 30, 1845
DIED SEPTEMBER 5, 1907.

IN MEMORY OF
MAY LEE
DAUGHTER OF H. HUTTON AND EVA LEE BALL
BORN FEBY. 23, 1909—DIED JULY 1, 1916.

IN MEMORY OF
MINNIE GENTRY BALL
WIFE OF
FITZHUGH LEE BALL
DIED
OCTOBER 8, 1918

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR FATHER
ISAIAH DRAKE BALL
BORN OCTOBER 17, 1841
DIED JUNE 29, 1921

IN MEMORY OF
FITZHUGH LEE BALL
BORN DECEMBER 11, 1885
DIED NOVEMBER 16, 1927.

IN MEMORY OF
ELISABETH BALL BIRD
BORN MARCH 27, 1882
DIED APRIL 20, 1932.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM NICHOLAS SURFACE
BORN DECEMBER 16, 1856
DIED JANUARY 30, 1925.

THUS, briefly, is recorded the birth, marriage and death, of men and women who have passed from the scene of active life, and of those who remain to carry on the work which they began.

There are still a great many families, descendants of George Ball, Sr., and of Moses Ball, Jr., sons of Moses Ball, Sr., of Fairfax County, Virginia, who have lived, and have children still living in Southwest Virginia.

This little booklet is but a beginning to gather data to preserve for future generations a more complete history of those brave and true, strong and courageous pioneers who blazed the trail and cleared the lands that would furnish homes of peace and plenty for those who would follow after. There are many court records which furnish strongest proof of the ties that bind the Ball families of today with those brave men and women whose names we bear.

Leaving the homes of their childhood in England they crossed the broad Atlantic to be numbered with the Colonial families of America, later crossing the Blue Ridge to become the pioneers of the Southwest.

FAMILY NAMES

In looking over the records of the Ball family it is interesting to note how the same Christian names have been handed down from generation to generation. There is scarcely a family to the present day who has not a William, Moses, John, George, Jesse, or Spencer, a Mary, Martha, Nancy, Elisabeth, Jane, Anne, Polly or Hannah.

Revolutionary rolls furnish the names of scores of Balls and among the number are seventeen named John.

This simialarity of names leads me to believe that there are many Ball families living in Russell Co., who are descendants of George Ball, Sr., the son of Moses Ball, Sr., of Fairfax Co., but for lack of time to look up records and get in touch with them, it is impossible to give complete lines.

However, in a narrative way I will give from memory a

sketch of the John Ball who lived within a short distance of my girlhood home.

He owned a small farm, but was a cabinet maker by trade. Because of his occupation and the numerous Balls of that name the old settlers called him "Turner John". My earliest recollection of him is his long white beard and patriarchal appearance as he stood at his work bench making the furniture that was used in the homes of the community, and the coffins in which they buried their dead.

It was a "holiday" when mother would take my brothers and me for a little walk and let us stop in "Turner John's" shop and watch him work at his turning lathe, making pretty spindles and spokes for beds and chairs; or play in the clean wood shavings that lay at his feet.

His furniture was so staunch and well made that probably some of it may still be found in Russell County.

He was a reserved, gentle, kind old man living in his quiet way, working in his little shop down on the banks of Lewis Creek.

"Turner" John Ball must have been born in the early eighteen hundreds. I do not recall the name of his first wife but the names of some of her children were: Haskew, George, Mary, Leah, Frank, and Cummins. His second wife's name was Anna; and some of her children were: Cornelius, John, and Keturah. The members of the family whom I have known best in later years are:

Haskew Ball, who married Cynthia Hurt. Their children are: Alfonso C., married Ida Miller. Conie, married William Mutter, (son of Eliza Ball, who was a daughter of George W. and Nancy Taylor Ball and wife of Jesse Mutter). A. Rondo, married Jennie Harris. Elbert, married Myrtle Fletcher. Eunice, married Dr. W. B. Laswell. Arthur, died young.

Alfonso C. married Ida Miller. Their children are. Bert E., married Carrie Smith, (daughter of Maria Ball, daughter of Moses, and wife of Thos. J. Smith). Grace, married Edgar W. Hurt. Edgar, married Hannah Powers. Gladys D., married

Ross E. Jeffries.

Some one has said of the Balls, "They are fond of land and learning, positive in their convictions, bold in utterance, independent in action, intelligent, patriotic and often intensely religious."

There are still to be found many farmers in the Ball, family, particularly in the bluegrass counties of Russell and Lee. There was one old gentleman whom we children called "Uucle Andy" though I do not think he and my father ever tried to trace up their kinship. When he came to our home he always brought his saddle bags full of nice apples from his farm and as I recall the splendid treats, after all these years, I realize he must have had a good farm and fine orchard.

Quite recently I was given the following facts concerning this old friend of my childhood, which were copied from an old family Bible now in possession of Jesse Browning Ball of Belfast Mills, a country community about twenty miles east of Lebanon.

Andrew Ball was born Oct. 23, 1812.

Sarah Ball, his wife, was born Aug. 12, 1819.

Andrew Ball and Sarah Blair were married Sept. 4, 1834. To them were born the following children: 1 James M., born Nov. 7, 1835, died Aug. 9, 1925. 2 Francis M., born Sept. 24, 1838. 3 Jacob, born Jan. 12, 1841, 4 Sally, born July 28, 1842, died May 2, 1916. 5 Loranzy L., born Jan. 5, 1846. 6 Margaret Jane, born May 14, 1848. 7 Melissa Ellen, born Nov. 1, 1850, 8 Mary Evelyn, born Feby. 14, 1853. 9 Andrew Bunyan, born Feby. 11, 1856. 10 Rebecca, born July 17, 1858. 11 Jesse Browning, born Jan. 5, 1862.

James married Jane Blair, Dec. 25, 1854.

Francis married Eliza . . . . . in 1864.

Andrew Bunyan married Melissa Miller, Dec. 2, 1877.

Jesse Browning married Nancy Colwell, Feb. 10, 1894.

Andrew Ball, the father, died April 4, 1892, aged 79 years, 6 months, 11 days.

Sarah Ball, the mother, died May 31, 1912, aged 92 years, 9 months, 19 days.

No further record of marriages or deaths.

I would be happy to include all of the Balls of Russell Co., who are decendants of Moses Ball Sr. of Fairfax Co., but my store of information is exhausted. If any one reading this chapter has the desired data, I ask again that you will heed the request of my co-laborer in this little volume and send us any data or traditions which you may possess and we may someday include them in a revised and enlarged edition. There is no more facinating study than searching through the corridors of Time for the paths chosen by our forefathers; and as they heeded "The Call" of the past may we heed the call of the present.

In days long gone God spake unto our sires:
"Courage! Launch out! A new world build for Me."
Then to the deep they set their ships, and sailed
And came to land, and prayed that here might be
A realm from pride and despotism free,
A place of peace, the home of liberty.

Lo, in these days, to all good men and true
God speaks again: Launch out upon the deep
And win for Me a world of righteousness!"
Can we, free men, at such an hour still sleep?
O God of freedom, stir us in our night
That we set forth, for justice, truth and right!

---Thomas Curtis Clark in the Chicago Tribune

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